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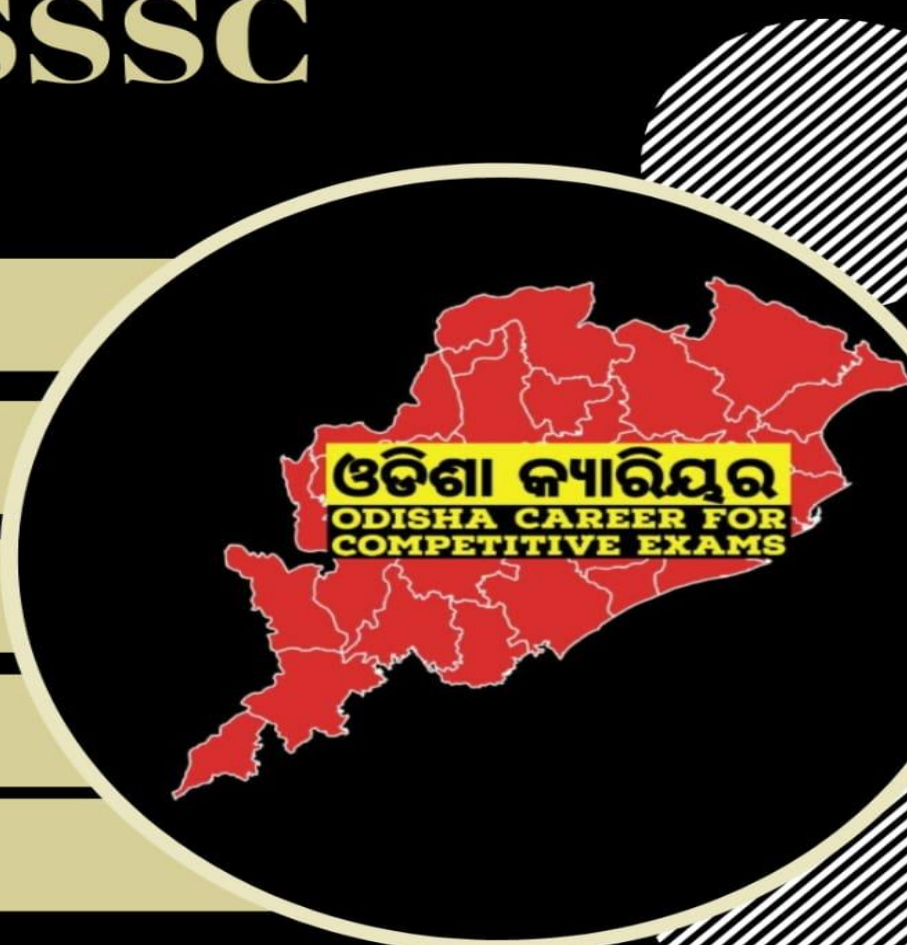
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VOCABULARY

1. **Spiking**: rising quickly and reaching a high value.
 - Synonyms: mounting, escalating
 - Antonyms: diminishing, dwindling
 - Example: As the news broke, interest in the story began spiking across social media.
2. **Hawkish**: preferring to use military action rather than peaceful discussion in order to solve a political problem.
 - Synonyms: belligerent, combative
 - Antonyms: pacific, dovish
 - Example: Despite the diplomatic talks, the nations remained hawkish in their military preparedness.
3. **Incentive**: something that encourages you to do something.
 - Synonyms: stimulus, impetus
 - Antonyms: deterrent, hindrance
 - Example: Parents often use the promise of playtime as an incentive for children to finish their homework.

4. **Eminent**: famous and respected, especially in a particular profession.
 - Synonyms: distinguished, esteemed
 - Antonyms: notorious, disreputable
 - Example: The eminent professor delivered an insightful lecture on quantum physics.
5. **Solicited**: asked somebody for something.
 - Synonyms: entreated, beseeched
 - Antonyms: obliged, imposed
 - Example: She decided to solicit feedback from her colleagues on the new project.
6. **Compelling**: that makes you think it is true.
 - Synonyms: convincing, persuasive
 - Antonyms: implausible, inconclusive
 - Example: The compelling evidence presented in court convinced the jury of the defendant's guilt.
7. **Sentinel**: a soldier whose job is to guard something.
 - Synonyms: sentry, watchperson
 - Antonyms: target, prey
 - Example: The vigilant soldier remained a sentinel at the border, ensuring safety.
8. **Proponents**: people who support an idea or course of action.
 - Synonyms: advocate, exponent
 - Antonyms: detractor, opposition

- Example: As a proponent of healthy living, she encourages daily exercise and balanced nutrition.
9. **Untenable**: that cannot be defended against attack or criticism.
- Synonyms: unjustifiable, indefensible
 - Antonyms: justified, rational
 - Example: The argument presented an untenable position, lacking logical evidence.

Words of foreign origin

10. **Status quo**: the present situation or condition.
11. **On the qui vive**: on the alert, vigilant.

Phrasal verbs

12. **Dialing down**: make something less forceful or extreme.
13. **Ruled out**: stated that something was not possible or that somebody/something was not suitable.
14. **Called upon**: asked or demanded that somebody do something.
15. **Impinge upon**: to have an effect on something, often causing problems by limiting it in some way.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

23th January, 2024

- 1.** Japan signed a deal with the United States on Thursday to buy 400 long-range Tomahawk missiles as it ramps up its military capacity to counter regional security threats.
- 2.** SpaceX's Falcon 9 successfully launched Axiom Space's Ax-3 mission, carrying the Crew Dragon capsule "Freedom" to the International Space Station.
- 3.** Andhra Pradesh begins 10 day long caste survey, becomes 2nd state after Bihar to conduct Census.
 - aimed at creating a comprehensive caste-based database of people.
- 4.** In Ladakh, the annual Ethnic Mamani Festival was organized at Historical Styangkung Village and Chiktan Shagaran. The Steyangkung village is around 500 years old and still wellpreserved till now and being developed as one of the wellmaintained heritage villages in Ladakh.

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9th Parakram Diwas

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5. January 23, 2024: Parakaram Diwas

(127th Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti)

- The day is celebrated to honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation.
- Born on 23 Jan. 1897
- The founder of the Indian National Army.
- His father was Janakinath Bose.
- Nickname - Netaji, Patriot of patriots, Beacon of light of Asia
- Political guru of Subhash Chandra Bose – Chittaranjan Das
- He became the congress president for the first time in haripura in 1938 then in the trip Puri 1939 but resign after difference with Gandhiji and Rajendra Prasad was the interim president at the time.
- 1919 cleared the civil service examination but he resigned after that he resigned.
- The title of 'Father of the Nation' was given to the Mahatma Gandhi by - Subhash Chandra Bose
- 1923 elected as all India youth Congress and secretary of Bengal state Congress committee
- Slogan - "Give me blood and I will give you freedom!"

- 6.** Kerala's Padmanabhaswamy temple presented Onavillu, a traditional hand-painted ceremonial bow to Ayodhya's Ram Mandir ahead of its consecration ceremony on 22 January.
- 7.** A team from the Thackeray Wildlife Foundation (TWF) has discovered the first ever viviparous skink genus and five new species belonging to it from peninsular India.
- 8.** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that a Science City on 50 acres will be established in either Faridabad or Gurugram district to promote new scientific research and innovations. The Chief Minister was addressing the closing ceremony of the 9th India International Science Festival held at Faridabad.
- 9.** The results of the 4th edition of Ranking of States on Support to Startup Ecosystems were released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
 - A 'National Report' encompassing the full exercise, along with a 'Compendium of Best Practices' and individual 'State Report' for all participating states was also launched, celebrating the spirit of

entrepreneurship in India with a total of 31 States/UTs having formulated State Startup Policies.

- 10.** Tokyo Olympic silver medallist Ravi Kumar Dahiya secured a bronze at the esteemed Grand Prix De-France Henri Deglane wrestling tournament in Nice, France.
- 11.** China widens trade highway in South America with new mega port project.